

## **Weather delays Del. 1, U.S. 13 work**

A project expected to snarl southbound traffic on Del. 1 and U.S. 13 near Middletown has been rescheduled because of rain, the Delaware Department of Transportation said.

The roadwork now will begin 6 p.m. Monday, weather permitting, department spokeswoman Michele Ackles said.

During the project, road workers will detour southbound traffic from both highways onto a single, one-lane stretch of Del. 1. Drivers on U.S. 13 will be detoured at the road's intersection with Del. 299 in Odessa.

To lessen the impact on drivers, the department has decided to work only at night, from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., Ackles said. During the day, both lanes of southbound Del. 1 will be open.

The work will take two nights to complete, Ackles said.

The road closing is part of the final phase of the Del. 1 project, which will create a toll expressway running from just south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal toward the state's beaches.